(b) In hilly, tribal, desert and inacessible areas:—

The distance limit will be the same as above except that in hilly areas, the minimum distance limit can be relaxed by the Directorate in cases where such relaxation is warranted by special circumstances which should be clearly explained while submitting a proposal.

(iii) *Anticipated income*

(a) In normal areas:—

The minimum anticipated hevenue will be 33-1/3 per cent of the cost.

(b) In hilly, tribal, desert and inaccessible areas:—

The minimum anticipated income will be 15 per cent of the cost.

Removing Telephone Numbers of Peripheral Towns from the Delhi Telephone Directory

3506. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the telephone numbers of the subscribers in Faridabad; Ghaziabad; Gurgaon and other peripheral towns of the National Capital Region of Delhi have been quietly removed from the current issue of the telephone directory; thus causing incovenience to the subscribers in Delhi.

(b) if so; what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to help the subscribers in Delhi, as also those in peripheral towns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No; Sir. The telephone numbers were not quietly removed. Proper Gazette Notifications and Public notifications were issued bifurcating the local area of Delhi Telephones; Ghaziabad Telephones; Faridabad and Bahadurgarh Telephone System w.e.f. 16.6.92 and for discontinuance of printing of telephone numbers of these Telephone Systems in the next and subsequent issues of Delhi Telephone Directory. The telephone numbers of Gurgaon were not included even in the Delhi Telephone Directory 1992 issue.

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

(c) Telephone Directories for the local areas not covered in the Delhi Telephone System are published by respective Telephones/Telecom Circles. For Ghaziabad and Faridabad Directory Enquiry Numners are available in information pages No. 1—7 of Delhi Telephone Directory '94.

Separte corporation for speed post

3507. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a separate corporation for speed post:

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the high rates for speed post are too much for the common man;

(d) whether it is a fact that emphasis on speed post is causing inefficiencies in ordinary mail delvery; and

(e) how do Government protect the Status of regular mail delivery?